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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Calvin Bruce, 31, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 30 years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. Bruce was convicted of this charge on August 16, 2007, after a two-day trial.

At trial, the government introduced evidence that on March 28, 2007, Bruce's girlfriend gave consent to search her residence on Chester Circle, Madison. Bruce stayed with his girlfriend periodically, and stored clothes and other items at her house. In one of Bruce's jackets, officers recovered \$2,580. In the house and the garage, officers recovered evidence of drug dealing. In a van in the garage, officers recovered 53 grams of crack hidden in the engine compartment. Mail addressed to Bruce at the Chester Circle address was recovered from the passenger compartment of the van. When confronted with the officers' findings, Bruce admitted the crack was his. A neighbor also testified at trial that she had seen Bruce drive the van regularly.

Bruce received the 30-year sentence because he has two prior felony drug convictions from Chicago and he has been undeterred by prior terms of probation and

imprisonment.

The charge against Bruce was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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